What is NIMS?

As required under Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides a systematic, proactive approach guiding departments and agencies at all levels of government, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations to work seamlessly to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, in order to reduce the loss of life, property, and harm to the environment.

What is NIMS Compliance?

State, territory, tribal and local governments are considered to be in compliance with NIMS if they have adopted and implemented the compliance activities as issued by FEMA's Incident Management System Integration Division.

Implementation of and compliance with the NIMS is critical to ensuring full and robust preparedness across our nation.

New requirements are added each successive year based on lessons learned during disasters, exercises and other events.

All Federal preparedness funding is also contingent upon full compliance.

Implementation Checklist

☐ Adopt NIMS by ordinance or resolution. Idaho has adopted NIMS by Executive Order 2006-10. Local jurisdictions are now required by the Department of Homeland Security to adopt NIMS.

☐ Assess current training levels for first responders.

☐ Train all first responders to the appropriate level.

☐ Provide elected official training.

☐ Incorporate NIMS into Emergency Operations Plans.

☐ Incorporate NIMS into existing training programs.

☐ Conduct exercises or drills utilizing NIMS.

☐ Use NIMS on a day-to-day basis.

☐ Formalize mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions.

☐ Participate in multi-discipline/multi-jurisdictional all hazards exercises using NIMS concepts.

☐ Conduct after action reviews of large incidents and exercise and incorporate lessons learned into plans, policies, and procedures.

☐ Apply standardized and consistent terminology, including the establishment of plain English communication standards across public safety sector.

☐ Inventory community response assets to conform to homeland security resource typing standards.

☐ Develop use of ICS, multi-agency coordination systems, and public information procedures.

Need more information?
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The
NIMS
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Are You
NIMS Compliant?

♦ **Required for Federal Grants**
♦ **Common Operating Picture**
♦ **Consistent Response**

NIMS is the incident management system that is being used across the nation. If your agency or department is interested in becoming involved in nationwide response procedures or are receiving federal preparedness funding ("grants or contracts that contribute to building preparedness and response capabilities") then there are a few things to do to begin the process.

- ☐ Contact your local county emergency coordinator.

- ☐ Discuss what NIMS can do for your agency or department.

- ☐ Visit FEMA's NIMS website: http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/index.shtm

- ☐ Enroll your emergency response personnel in the appropriate trainings.

Training

~IS-700 National Incident Management System, An Introduction

~IS-800B National Response Framework, An Introduction

~ICS-100 Introduction to ICS

~ICS-200 Basic ICS

~ICS-300 Intermediate ICS

~ICS-400 Advanced ICS

http://training.fema.gov/IS/

NIMS Components

- ☐ Preparedness
  - ~Planning
  - ~Procedures and Protocols
  - ~Training and Exercise
  - ~Personnel Qualifications and Certification
  - ~Equipment Certification

- ☐ Communication and Information Management
  - ~Interoperability
  - ~Reliability
  - ~Scalability
  - ~Portability
  - ~Resiliency
  - ~Redundancy of communication and information systems

- ☐ Resource Management
  - ~Type and Inventory Resources
  - ~Identify, order, acquire, mobilize, track, report, recover, demobilize, reimburse.

- ☐ Command and Management
  - ~Incident Command System (ICS)
  - ~Multiagency Coordination Systems
  - ~Public Information

- ☐ Ongoing Management and Maintenance

- ☐ Fiscal Year (FY) 2008: October 1, 2007– September 30, 2008

- ☐ State Compliance Due: September 30, 2008

- ☐ Appropriate Training for Emergency Response Personnel Due: September 30, 2008

- ☐ Local jurisdiction NIMSCAST rollup due: September 1, 2008